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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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PCT/US04/34618**FILE COPY****Box No. I Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:
- the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
pages 1-48, 50-51, 53, 58-61 as originally filed/furnished
pages* 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 received by this Authority on 20 October 2005
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pages* 1-7 received by this Authority on 20 October 2005 (20.10.2005)
- the claims:
pages 50-51, 53, 58-61 as originally filed/furnished
pages* 49, 52, 54-57, 62-66
pages* 49, 52, 54-57, 62-56 received by this Authority on 20 October 2005 (20.10.2005)
pages* 49, 52, 54-57, 62-56 received by this Authority on 20 October 2005 (20.10.2005)
- the drawings:
pages 1-22 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages NONE
 - the claims, Nos. NONE
 - the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
 - any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
4. This report has been established as if (some or all) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Novelty (N)	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	YES
	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	YES
	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	YES
	Claims <u>Please See Continuation Sheet</u>	NO

**2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)
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Supplemental Box

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V. 1. Reasoned Statements:

The opinion as to Novelty was positive (Yes) with respect to claims 1-113.

The opinion as to Novelty was negative (No) with respect to claims NONE.

The opinion as to Inventive Step was positive (Yes) with respect to claims 1-113.

The opinion as to Inventive Step was negative (No) with respect to claims NONE.

The opinion as to Industrial Applicability was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-113.

The opinion as to Industrial Applicability was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE.

Claims 1-27 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior does not teach or fairly suggest ions and its isotopes, a convolution between calculated isotope abundances and specified target peak shape function, let alone the subsequent deconvolution. The fact that the peak width changes with wavenumber (Col 8 line 15) renders a convolution invalid. Further, Axelsson does not deal with calibration ion and its exact molecular composition (Col 3 lines 25-38) but rather a model (average) compound assumed to share a general mass distribution of a molecule whose precise composition is unknown (Col 3 lines 30 and Col 4 line 63-Col 5 line 8), does not teach using the actual peak shape function but the estimated one (Col 3 lines 40), does not teach a convolution between true isotope distribution and specified target peak shape function, let alone the subsequent deconvolution to form a filter.

Claims 28-52 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior does not teach or fairly suggest perform peak analysis to arrive at peak areas or peak positions and does not use weighted regression. Axelsson does not perform weighted regression and does not report integrated peak areas.

Claims 53-90 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior does not teach or fairly suggest obtaining, from a given calibration ion with its isotopes, at least one actual mass spectral peak shape function, specifying mass spectral target peak shape functions within respective mass spectral ranges, and performing a deconvolution operation between the obtained at least one mass spectral peak shape function and the mass spectral target peak shape functions to obtain at least one calibration filter from a result of the deconvolution operation.

Claims 91-100 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior does not teach or fairly suggest peak width normalization but rather allows it to be variable as is (Col 8 line 15), let alone integrating the mathematical inverse of the function to obtain a transform function. Neither Wang nor Gehrke deals with ions in mass spectroscopy. Further, Gehrke does not teach peak width normalization, let alone integrating the mathematical inverse of the function to obtain a transform function.

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Claims 101-104 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the issue of external vs internal calibration. Fig. 3 of Wang et al. has no parts pointing to internal calibration or infusion or online/offline mixing. Col 4 line 4- Col 8 line 11 does not mention adding calibration standard into a test sample, let alone continuous infusion or online mixing.

Claims 105-113 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest calibration by selecting at least one peak in the data to act as a standard; deriving a calibration filter based on the at least one selected peak; using the calibration filter to analyze other peaks in the data.